दिल्ली की ग्रामीण विकास एजेंसी का बन्द किया जाना

*238. श्री शांति त्यागी : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने दिल्ली की ग्रामीण विकास एजेंसी को बन्द करने का फैसला कर लिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण है ; और

(ग) उन सभी कार्यक्रमों के निष्पादन के लिए क्या प्रबन्ध किए गए हैं जिन्हें यह एजेंसी सम्भालती थी ?

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री उतमभाई एच० पटेल) : (क) और (ख) भारत सरकार ने जिला ग्रामीण विकास एजेंन्सी दिल्ली को बन्द किए जाने के बारे में दिल्ली प्रशासन के सुझाव को मान लिया है । दिल्ली प्रशासन ने सूचित किया है कि विद्यमान कार्य की मात्रा को देखते हुए ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रमों के कार्यान्वयन हेतु एक एजेन्सी को बनाए रखना औचित्यपूर्ण नहीं है ।

(ग) एजेन्सी के न रहने पर दिल्ली प्रशासन का विकास विभाग संघ शासित क्षेत्र दिल्ली में किए जाने वाले ग्रामीण विकास के सभी कार्यों को करेगा ।

Pension scheme for retired workers

*239. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out a Pension Scheme for retired workers; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether trade unions have agreed with this scheme; if not, the points of disagreement; and

(c) how is the proposed scheme comparable with such schemes operating in some other countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Elevation of families above the poverty line under NREP

*240. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Projects under the N.R.E.P. (1984-89) were aimed at elevating about 10,000 families above the poverty line in Basti district of U.P.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that those projects involving crores of rupees in Basti District have brought more misery to the inhabitants of the area as per the news item captioned "U.P. doles out fake figures on poverty" which appeared in the *Times of India*, dated the 20th January, 1992;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (d) National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) was a wage employment programme being implemented upto 1988-89 with basic objective of generation of additonal gainful employment for the unemployed and under-employed persons in the rural areas. The performance under NREP was monitored in terms of employment generated in persons days and not in terms of number of families to be brought above the poverty line.

This is not correct to say that the schemes have brought more misery

to the inhabitants of the area as mentioned in the news item captioned U.P. doles out fake figures on poverty" in the *Times of India* dated 20-1-1992.

Government of Uttar Pradesh has reported that on receipt of complaints about the irregularities and mis-appropriation of foodgrains under the National Rural Employment Programme (NREP)/Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP), State Department of Rural Development (Uttar Pradesh) had the matter enquired. On the basis of the report of the preliminary enquiries, the First Information Report (FIR) was lodged with the Police under section 409 I.P.C. and Section 3 (vii) of the Essential Commodities Act in January, 1990. The case was also simlutanously handed over to the Economic Offence Wing (E.O.W.) of the Criminal Investigation Department (C.I.D.) of the State (Uttar Pradesh) for detailed enquiry.

In all, 27 cases were registered in the matter. Out of these, two cases have been finalised and enquiries are still going on in respect of the remaining 25.

On the basis of findings available so far, criminal case has been started aganist one person found responsible for criminal liability. E.O.W. has also recommended disciplinary proceedings aganist Project Director of the DRDA, one Assistant Project Director, one Block Development Officer (B.D.O.), one Junior Engineer (J.E.) and one another person.

Completion of on-going nuclear Projects

2236. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the steps Government have taken to expedite the completion of on-going nuclear projects like Kaiga, Karnataka and projects in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): Advance action on manufacture of long delivery and critical components, use of heavy duty cranes for handling and installing heavy equipment, improved construction methods, taking up construction activities in parallel wherever feasible, adopting work packaging in conventional systems of the plant for supply-cum-installation works and monitoring the progress at various levels for corrective action are among the steps taken for expediting completion of Kakrapar 1 and 2 in Gujarat and Kaiga 1 and 2 in Karnataka. It is expected that the first reactor at Kakrapar in Gujarat will become critical soon this year, within a period of 8 years of taking up the construction.

Target for Nuclear power Generation by 2000 A.D.

2237. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state::

(a) what is the target of Nuclear Power Generation by 2000 A.D.;

(b) whether it is a fact that the target fixed by late Shri Rajiv Gandhi was 10,000 MW by the end of the period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Subject to availability of funds, the proposals of Department of Atomic Energy in the Eighth Plan envisage a target of nearly 8000 MWe of nuclear power to be set up by the year 2002 A.D. including 2000 MWe capacity proposed to be set up in terms of the Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) signed in November, 1988 between USSR and India.